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REVOLT TRAGEDIES IN JAVA

Many Dutch Civilians and Eurasians Killed

Japanese Rescues 60 at Garuttown

BATAVIA, OCT. 15. INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS HAVE KILLED EUROPEANS AND EURASIANS WITHIN 12 MILES OF BATAVIA AND ARE ENGAGED IN SCATTERED FIGHTING IN JAVA'S INTERIOR, THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY ANETA REPORTED TO-DAY.

DR. SOEKARNO'S INSURGENT REGIME FOLLOWED ITS DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE DUTCH BY ORDERING THE SEIZURE OF ALL PRIVATE PROPERTY IN JAVA.

British Maj.-Gen. D. C. Haworth, the Allied commander, said a proclamation that looting, sabotage, bearing of arms and refusal to surrender arms are offences punishable by death applies only to Batavia.

Aneta said Indonesians took a number of Europeans and Eurasians from a train October 12 and killed them.

A EURASIAN WITNESS SAID THE VICTIMS' BOLES, INCLUDING A EUROPEAN GIRL, WERE THROWN INTO A RIVER.

Over 20, including three Dutch and many Japanese, were killed during the past three days at Garuttown in Java's interior, Aneta reported.

Japanese troops from Bandung, 35 miles away, restored order after arriving in time to save 60 Dutch from execution, it was reported.

Indonesians mined the roads and attempted several ambushes of the Japanese column. Twenty Indonesians were killed.

JAPANESE OBEY ORDERS

Aneta said the Japanese were acting under the Allied directive to maintain order. Dutch dispatches said Soekarno's followers ordered a general work stoppage in the Batavia area.

Batavia Dutch hoped the expected arrival of British Lt.-Gen. Sir William Slim, allied commander of land, sea and air forces, might bring a firmer British stand.

SEIZE AIRFIELD

London, Oct. 15. Indonesian forces have seized control of an airfield near Batavia, according to a radio report picked up here.

Indonesians armed with captured Japanese weapons were reported gathering near the Java capital after cutting the city's communications lines. There were reports of repeated clashes, but Dutch sources in London were unable to supply details, explaining that their latest information was yesterday's news of the declaration of war by the Indonesians.

Doctor van Mook, Neuteman, governor of the Netherlands Indies, and General Christiaan

SHARP RISE IN SILVER

Melbourne, Oct. 15. The United States decision to raise the price of silver will greatly reduce the profits of the Australian Government Mint and increase the income from taxes on mining profits. Silver in Australia has risen from 2 shillings to 7 and a half pence to 4 shillings 7 pence. One shilling now contains 9 and a quarter pence worth of silver compared to 5 and a half pence previously. It is expected that the Mint profits of \$42,000 Sterling this year are no longer attainable. The Australian mines produce 14,000,000 ounces yearly and the increased price will add 1,350,000 Sterling to mine production. —Renter.

IN THE MILL

Tokyo, Oct. 14. British, Russian and Chinese troops will join American forces in the occupation of Japan, but there is no word from Washington on the size of the other Allied forces nor the date of arrival, an Allied headquarters spokesman said to-day.

He said discussions on joint occupation had been in the mill at least 80 days.—Associated Press.

LARGE FIRES IN SAIGON AREA

SAIGON, OCT. 15. IN MINOR ATTACKS ON A HYDERABAD UNIT POST, TWO ANNAMITES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND OTHERS WERE DISPERSED BY 3-INCH MORTAR FIRE. LARGE FIRES WERE BURNING IN CHOLON, THE CHINATOWN ADJOINING SAIGON.

BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THE ANNAMITES THAT IF THEY ATTACK BRITISH TROOPS WHO ARE ACTING IN LINE OF DUTY, THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE SUMMARILY COURT-MARTIALED AND SHOT.

The British, however, said they did not know of any executions among the 800 surrendered Annamites. —Associated Press.

British Royal Air Force units aided by 100 Japanese soldiers, made a pre-dawn attack yesterday on natives who had assembled within 300 yards of the Saigon airport.

After a three-hour clash, the Annamites were pushed three miles from the air strip.

(A later dispatch said the Singapore radio reported the British had captured the headquarters of the Annamites' Viet Minh part in Indo-China.)

A communiqué said Gurkhas repulsed an Annamite attempt to cross the Saigon river after an attack on the docks there. Mortar and machinegun fire was exchanged in mid-Saigon in early morning.

JAPANESE AID

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The French reported a stalemate northeast of Saigon. In other sections the British encountered ambushed. Two Annamites were killed in an attack on a Hyderabad unit post and others were dispersed. Sniping continued in Saigon's powerhouse.

The British are trying to open a line of communication outside Saigon to facilitate the disarming of about 80,000 Japanese.—Associated Press.

The British authorities are turning over captured Annamites to the French as civil insurgents, because they are not British subjects.

Japanese who are continuing to fight against Allied forces along with the Annamites will be judged as an enemy continuing resistance.

The British stress that the Japanese are leading some Annamite forces and that Japanese are manning machineguns.

NAAFI RIGHTS FOR CIVILIANS?

LONDON, OCT. 15. ACCORDING TO THE "NEW YORK TIMES," NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF CANCELING THE ARMISTICE WITH ITALY AND SUBSTITUTING FOR IT A SIMPLIFIED DOCUMENT TO CARRY THROUGH UNTIL THERE IS A PEACE TREATY.

There is no sign of willingness to break this opposition.

And, unfortunately for Italiens, the whole armistice question is linked by Moscow with the armistices in Rumania and Bulgaria.

It is claimed that if the armistice to Italy is to be abrogated, those with Bucharest and Sofia should also be cancelled. This matter came up at the Council of Foreign Ministers when M. Molotov proposed that the armistice with Rumania and Bulgaria be transformed into peace treaties.

The Americans feel that the armistice with Italy is completely useless now. For one thing eighty per cent of its clauses are now obsolete and inoperative.

PRACTICAL NECESSITY

If only for practical reasons there should be a new modus vivendi arranging for free passage of troops, use of highways and harbours, support of forces remaining in Northern Italy and certain financial clauses which still remain in force.

Along with the acceptance of this document would go abrogation of the armistice which, although obsolete, in fact places Italy juridically still under the status of an enemy country deprived of many sovereign privileges as well as the right to join the United Nations.

Continuance of this degrading situation may lead to serious political results.

The Government feels it cannot hold elections while Italy is still occupied as an enemy country. She cannot make proper commercial agreements with other nations to help her desperate economic situation. And in spite of everything, she remains under the armistice terms which in theory are those of unconditional sur-

render.—Reuter.

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LAVAL POISON DRAWN

PARIS, OCT. 15. VICHY PREMIER PIERRE LAVAL ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE THE FIRING SQUAD BY TAKING POISON IN HIS CELL JUST BEFORE HIS EXECUTION WAS DUE.

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Just A Shade Inconsistent

LONDON, OCT. 15. THE BRITISH PRESS CONTINUES TO SHOW KEEN INTEREST ABOUT THE PALESTINE SITUATION.

The veteran Labour journalist, Hannen Swaffer, writes in "People" that civil war may be sparked by the Arabs if homeless and desperate Jews are allowed entry and by the Jews unless they are granted leave to do so.

"Americans demand 'Let Jews in' and 'Give them a National Home' and their government withdraws all American troops from Palestine in case they get into the mess and does nothing to find a home for survivors of concentration camps who have close relatives in the United States, complains the journalist.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" says that "President Truman is considering advocating the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine in the place of the Arab State envisaged by the British in 1939."

President Truman does not press for this larger issue — at least for the time being — if the British government does something to meet his request that one hundred thousand displaced European Jews should be allowed as immigrants to Palestine.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DOCUMENTARY

LUNEBERG, Oct. 14. A Russian documentary film of the Auschwitz concentration camp was received at Luneberg yesterday for use in the prosecution case against 45 defendants in the war crimes trial of the Belsen and Auschwitz camp personnel.

Col. T. M. Bachhouse, the prosecutor, finished his cases against the defendants last Saturday, but he said he would ask the court's permission to reopen his case long enough to show the film on Monday morning.—Associated Press.

Hong Kong As Key Point in Airways

PINGSHAN IS BEING SURVEYED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WITH A VIEW TO THE LAYING OUT OF AN EXTENSIVE MODERN AIRFIELD CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE LATEST FOUR-ENGINE PLANE. BUT THE SURVEY HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED AND NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO EMBARK ON THE PINGSHAN PROJECT, WHICH WILL COST MILLIONS IN HONG KONG DOLLARS.

This was disclosed by official quarters yesterday.

It was, however, stressed that whether or not it is decided to go ahead with the Pingshan scheme, or whether some alternative plan is adopted, it is essential that better facilities be provided than are available at Kai Tak, if Hong Kong is to take its place as a key point on the trunk routes between Europe and Asia and the Pacific.

When Hong Kong becomes a main airways centre, as it must, four-engined aircraft will be able to make a direct hop to

SYDNEY PARALYSIS

Sydney, Oct. 15. Industry in Sydney was paralyzed to-day when electricity was rationed, due to the strike in Sydney's main power station. Thirty thousand men are on strike in Newcastle and Port Kembla, where Australia's biggest steel furnaces are closed down.—Reuter.

LATEST NOTICES

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 19

S.S. "EMPIRE LAGAN"

The undesignated persons are requested to stand by in readiness to sail by the S.S. "Empire Lagan" which will be leaving for the United Kingdom on Friday (19th) or Saturday (20th) inst.

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Mrs. P. Vardonoff
Pte. A. G. Langton
Sgt. G. E. L. Johnson
Mrs. M. Johnson
Mr. J. Lee
Mrs. Z. Komorsky
Cpl. W. Houston
Mrs. S. E. M. Humphrey
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J. Michie
N. A. Kotbari

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Pte. V. Simmons, 702/736.
Pte. M. P. Kelly, 1499/036.
Mno. J. R. Mumford,
POX102007.

It is always desirable for repatriates to take a small folding stool, and a pillow. Plenty of old shorts and khaki shirts are desirable as washing facilities are generally small.

REPATRIATION OFFICER
16th October, 1945.

NOTICE

Information is required of the whereabouts of Next of Kin of the following members H.K.V.D.C. who are believed to have been killed or died:-

Pte. P. Edwards (No. 3 Coy.)
Gnr. Chan U. Chan (5th Battery)
Pte. Cheung Man Wah (Field Ambulance)

Gnr. Cheung W. Yee (5th Battery)
L/cpl. E. Hing (No. 3 Coy.)
Gnr. L. K. Ho (1st Battery)

L/Bdr. Lau H. Nam (5th Battery)
Pte. T. S. Lau (No. 3 Coy.)
Pte. A. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)
Pte. J. P. F. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)
L/Cpl. K. H. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)
Pte. S. T. Lim (No. 3 Coy.)
Pte. H. W. Lin (No. 3 Coy.)
Pte. Wm. Low (No. 7 Coy.)
Cpl. P. L. Ng (No. 4 Coy.)

Gnr. K. K. Poon (5th Battery)
Pte. S. E. Roberts (No. 3 Coy.)
L/Bdr. A. J. Rocca (4th Battery)
Pte. R. A. Rapp (A. S. V. Coy.)
L/Bdr. F. Schneid (4th Battery)

Gnr. The Wan Mun (5th Battery)
Gnr. A. Ulrich (5th Battery)
Cpl. P. H. A. Ulrich (5th Battery)

Gnr. Y. W. Yung (1st Battery)
There is no record of Next of Kin in H.K.V.D.C. records.

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The shifts and dodges exploited by Japanese close to Emperor Hirohito in efforts to represent the constitutional reform programme as emanating from the Emperor instead of from General MacArthur's headquarters, show very clearly that Japanese leadership remains gravely suspect. To attribute the fandangling to Oriental face-saving is too easy an explanation dangerous to accept. The Allies face a formidable enough task in bringing home to the Japanese people full consciousness of their war guilt and the real facts of the completeness of their defeat in every sphere of operation. Every trick of Hirohito and his advisers to misguide Japan is a challenge to General MacArthur. Every misrepresentation emphasizes that the real reason of Japan's collapse remains to be forced home. Already there is dissatisfaction in Australia with the course of events. It is not that General MacArthur's judgment is not trusted. But it is felt that if the handling of the show had less of an all-American flavour, his task would have been rendered much easier. As it is, the Hirohito-Konoye combine needs the sharpest reminder that if the Emperor remains on his throne, it is only because it is an advantage to employ him as the one tool which at this particular moment can most satisfactorily smooth the way for the job in hand. Because of the blind fanaticism with which the Japanese obey their Emperor, the surrender has been stage-managed with a minimum of difficulty. But there can be no question of leaving the Japanese people with the idea that the Imperial Person is sacrosanct, or worse, that the Allies accept an Imperial structure built upon belief in the Emperor's divinity. As long as he is permitted to remain, he must be considered no more than an impressive rubber stamp for the endorsement of the decisions of Allied Headquarters. It is a bitter pill for the Konoyes of Tokyo, maybe. But it is coated with a mixture of their own brawling, to which every horror in the calendar of human crime, perpetrated or sanctioned by them, has contributed. If they cannot take it quickly, forced down it must be.

JAP ATROCITIES ON QUEMOY

Chungking, Oct. 15. It was disclosed here to-day that the Japanese forced the inhabitants of the tiny island of Quemoy, off the Fukien Coast to smoke opium produced from poppies which the Japanese compelled them to grow during the years of the war. Every Chinese woman and girl aged between fourteen and forty who lived on the island was forced to serve in rotation in the three so-called comfort-houses, which were actually Japanese army brothels.

When the Japanese started their offensive in Eastern Kwantung last April they took more than fourteen hundred Chinese coolies and eight hundred pack animals, none of whom have been seen since.

The people of the island now demand that the Japanese officer responsible for the atrocities, General Tokunoto, be added to the list of war criminals.—Reuters.

Italy's Hyde Park

ROME, OCT. 15. A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 20,000, CARRYING RED AT-PACKETS, PACKED THE HIS-TORIC RUINS OF THE GREAT AMPHITHEATRE ON ROME'S PALATINE HILL ON SUN-DAY IN A COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Similar mass meetings were held throughout Italy.

The meetings appeared to have been designed more as a leftish show of strength than a demonstration for early elections since the Communist and Socialist members of the government are aware that elections are impossible this year.

Premier Parrini said recently that elections will not be held until Italy is regarded, as at least, a provisional sovereignty.

The speakers in Rome drew the greatest applause with anti-fascist slogans. One Communist leader called for an end to Allied occupation so "we can govern ourselves." —Associated Press.

Bulging Files Greet U.S. Consul

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN HONG KONG WAS OPENED OFFICIALLY YESTERDAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A VICE-CONSUL, MR. STEPHEN C. BROWN, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE LONDON EM-BASSY FOR THREE YEARS. HE LEFT SHANGHAI JUST BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

AMERICAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT THE CONSULATE DUTIES PARTIALLY, PENDING HIS ARRIVAL.

One of the bulging files awaiting the consul's attention contains the names of American-born Chinese or those with relatives there who want to go to the United States.

Capt. Yang stated that hitherto the fare for a saloon passenger has been \$150. The official rate is now fixed at \$18, while a steerage ticket has been brought down from \$30 to \$4.50.

Urging the hardship to shipping companies, Capt. Yang said that the amount of coal provided at official rates was not sufficient to meet the needs. The pre-war price of a ton of coal was \$8; and now the black market rate is \$300. The requirement for the round trip to Canton is 80 tons.

Very little income is derived from freight in exports from Hong Kong. Salt fish, which was exported to a very large extent, is now on the banned list.

The Yu Cheong Company have two vessels plying under its flag. The Hai Chu, of 700 gross tons, is on the Hong Kong-Canton run, while the Fook Tai (400 tons) is on the service to Macao. Each vessel does four trips a month.

Capt. Yang said yesterday that in view of the fixed rates, the services might be stopped or curtailed. However, this would depend on the meeting to be convened shortly, and the official response to representations by shipowners.

Capt. Yang was, prior to the war, Marine Superintendent of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

A 26-YEAR-OLD INDIAN WATCHMAN, GHULAM NABI, WAS CHARGED AT THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY WITH THE MURDER OF ANOTHER WATCHMAN, GHULAM ALI, AT NO. 1C, STANLEY STREET, ON SEPTEMBER 8.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Squadron Leader Peter Russell of R.A.F. and Captain Lewis David Jefferies, South Wales Borders, comprised the Court.

Mr. A. el Arculli pleaded not guilty for the accused, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, assisted by Chief Detective Inspector Cunningham, was for the prosecution.

Mr. Brooks said the accused, deceased and some others Indians were employed at the Gloucester Hotel, and were living in their staff quarters at No. 1C, Stanley Street.

On the night of September 8, a waiter, Ho Man, who was also living in the premises, was having a bath at about 8.30 pm when he heard some shouting in the street.

He rushed to the verandah but could not see anything. He woke four Indian watchmen who were sleeping at the time, and went down to the street where he saw the body of accused on the side channel, near the entrance to No. 1C, Stanley Street.

Meantime Sergeant Wilcox, Central Police Station, received a report about the crime and went immediately to the scene with Mr. Lucascombe, A.S.P., and Inspector Cunningham. On arrival Sgt. Wilcox found the body of the deceased and a chopper lying on the ground.

Accused was arrested at No. 353, Hennessy Road, residence of Ghulam Mohamed, watchman. He was sleeping when Sgt. Wilcox arrived. Nothing was found on defendant but there was a large bruise on his left hand. He said this was caused by a fall from a tram.

A pair of trousers was found on the premises bearing stains and accused said he stained it while preparing a chicken for the evening meal.

The body of deceased was removed to the Public Mortuary where Dr. K. T. Lok conducted a post-mortem.

After evidence by Dr. Lok of the Mortuary and other witnesses, the case was adjourned.

MR. BEVIN BUYS A COTTAGE

London, Oct. 15. Before the General Election result came through, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, bought a cottage in the country.

If the Conservatives won, he thought he had at last in sight the holiday he had been yearning for throughout arduous years as Minister of Labour.

But Labour got in. Mr. Bevin lost his holiday.

Instead, he found eminence in foreign fields. Now he is just beginning to find time to slip away for a week-end to his new cottage.

During the recent Foreign Ministers' deadlock, Mr. Bevin never had more than four or five hours of sleep during the night and sometimes less.—Reuters.

MATSUMOTO'S TASK

TOKYO, Oct. 16. Sunichi Matsumoto, former Vice-Foreign Minister in the Tojo War Cabinet, has been appointed head of the Committee, considering revision of the Japanese constitution, states the new Japanese News Agency.

The reconstruction of the Imperial Palace, which was damaged by an air raid on May 25, will not be started for the present, "in view of the condition of the general air raid sufferers," according to an official announcement.—Reuters.

NOTICE

The Bata Shoe Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, desire to warn their patrons that articles now being sold in the Colony bearing the Bata trademark, have goods either obtained from the Japanese who looted the Bata godowns or were manufactured locally during the Japanese occupation, the name "Bata" being used without our knowledge or permission.

It is regretted that we are unable to relieve immediately the present shortage of shoes with goods of reasonable prices, but we shall resume operations as soon as conditions permit with merchandise of the best quality.

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The public are hereby informed that the former normal procedure in respect of marriages in the Colony will be observed. Marriage certificate forms as supplied to licensed places of worship may be obtained at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court.

C. D'ALMADA E CASTRO.
Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

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BLACKHEATH HONOURS WOODERSON

London, Oct. 15. The British champion, minor Sydney Wooderson, who recently announced his intention to run next year at third millen and five thousand metres instead of the miles, is to be honoured by his Club, London's Blackheath Harriers.

They are to present him with an illuminated address to commemorate not only his great race at Gothenburg, when, although beaten by Arna Andarheim, he ran the fastest mile ever done by an Englishman but also for the great services to British athletics in general and to his club in particular.—Reuters.

LAST RUN

London, Oct. 15. The final edition of Star and Stripes, the U.S. army newspaper, paid salutes on Sunday to President Truman, General Eisenhower, Prime Minister Attlee and

"The Times" of London, in whose building the armistice was signed. The paper as "a striking example of Anglo-American cooperation." —Associated Press.

Fifty-Three-Hour Rail Trip To Canton

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

AN ASTHMATIC LOCOMOTIVE COUGHING UP AND DOWN THE LINE IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH PRIORITY CALLS SENT OUT BY CHINESE ARMY PERSONNEL EN ROUTE TO KOWLOON PROVIDED OUR REPORTER WITH 53 HOURS OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRAVEL. TWENTY-FOUR OF THESE WERE SPENT AT SHEK-LUNG, LARGEST CITY ON THE LINE. HERE THE NEW FIRST-ARMY HAD ALREADY DISARMED THE JAPANESE GARRISON AND DISPATCHED THEM BY BOAT TO TUNG KUN. THIS UNIT IS MOVING SLOWLY UP THE LINE, ATTENDING TO DISARMING DUTIES.

Large arms depots have been established in Shek-lung where at every stage of the journey as to the probable time that Canton would be reached and night fell on the train in Japanese-policed villages.

This includes many Japanese army trucks, most of them in rickety condition as a result of lack of repair facilities. The journey commenced at Yau-mati Railway Station shortly after 10 p.m. on October 9, Flying Officer H. Lees, D.F.C., providing our reporter with a jeep-ride to that station from Talmashatul-P.O. Lees is transport manager for the British section of the line.

The journey to Louwu was uneventful, company being provided by three Commando ranks, Fanning-bound. Acquaintance was struck up here with one Chinese student, bent on a University career in Canton.

TICKET NO. 2

At Louwu, our reporter alighted and followed the railtrack to Shum-chun "bridge," which he crossed rather precariously, being in sandals, to be met half-way across by a Chinese vegetable hawker balancing two large baskets on a pole and completely blocking the way!

A two-sided tirade of abuse resulted, the vegetable hawker refusing to give way. The balancing antics that followed in getting around provided the only nervous moment of the whole journey.

At Shum-chun the train for Tai Sha Tau (Canton's main station) was waiting with steam-up and the journey commenced a few minutes later. The ticket-seller started his rounds and our reporter purchased Ticket No. 00002 of the new rail service. It cost 1,470 Chinese National dollars.

The first six stations were occupied by the Chinese 13th Army who were largely disinterested in the train's passengers. The locomotive, fueled with firewood, was attempting to pull 12 coaches and was making very slow work of it.

ENGINE TROUBLE

Stories that tunnels, bridges and rails were in a sadly dilapidated state were disproved by the actual progress through and over them. The locomotive, managed by a gang of Japanese railwaymen, was. There were frequent stops between stations to get steam up and progress was seldom faster than about 15 miles per hour.

Conductor, station-masters,

I.L.O. READY FOR SWAP

PARIS, OCT. 15. GOVERNMENT, LABOUR AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES FROM 50 COUNTRIES WERE IN PARIS TO-DAY FOR THE 27TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

One of the main jobs facing them was how to adapt the offshoot of the old League of Nations into the new United Nations set-up.

The conference, continuing for three weeks, is expected to take up resolutions to strike out of its constitution all references to the League and to make other changes that would permit the I.L.O. to apply for direct relationship with the United Nations organization.

Proposals also are expected that would guide the I.L.O. countries in formulating their policies on maintenance of a stable level of employment through post-war readjustment period, improvement in the welfare of children and young workers and social conditions in dependent countries.

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Japanese Industry To Be Aided

London, Oct. 15.

While Italy's people go short in housing and food, 74-year-old Marshal Badoglio, the man who signed the armistice terms with the allies is to-day living in a state of self-imposed semi-seige in his palatial villa on Roma's outskirts.

Its gates are heavily chained and padlocked. A strong cordon of police constantly guard the high walls surrounding its extensive grounds. "What is Badoglio shy of? Not of the allies, I understand," says Reuter's correspondent, "but of his own countrymen, with apparent reason."

Stones, missiles, threatening notes and even bottles have been hurled over his high walls.

He has, however, the consolation of comfort and company. Those who have been inside will say it is the last word in "Hollywood luxury" with subdued lighting, radio-gramophone, telephone, magnificent furniture in every room, while a swimming pool sparkles on the fourth floor.

HOMELESS PREMIER

While Italy's former Leader bides in luxury his country's present Premier, Ferruccio Parri, works amidst discomfort. He is earning the nickname of "The homeless Premier of a homeless nation."

Parri is unable so far to find an apartment for his family now living in one room in a friend's flat. When he first reached Roma

TOKYO, OCT. 15. GENERAL MACARTHUR TODAY ORDERED ALL JAPANESE STOCKS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INCLUDING WASTE OILS, MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN INDUSTRIES AND CONSUMERS.

Large Japanese petroleum stocks held by the occupation forces will be released for distribution through the Home Ministry. The Japanese will be required to report the monthly disposition of petroleum, according to consumer categories, such as fishing boats, household fuels.

The financial newspaper "Nippon Sangyo Keizai" reported the first big concern to be dissolved will be Yasuda. It said the Yasuda combine, which controls 29 corporations and is financially interested in 24 others, has announced its plans to dissolve.

Associated Press.

Australian-born Australian Chinese Volunteers and their families, who desire repatriation, should now apply in writing to the Adjutant H.K.V.D.C. forwarding naturalization papers if in their possession.

from the North to take up the post of Premier he had a small bed set up in the office. Here he slept for some weeks before a friend took pity on him.—Reuter.

BRITAIN MUST DECIDE SAYS INDIAN LEADER

LONDON, OCT. 15. MR. JOSHI, 70-YEAR OLD GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS, TOLD "REYNOLDS NEWS" "AT THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA ARE GOING AHEAD WITH THEIR ELECTION PROGRAMME.

A HELPING HAND, HOWEVER, FROM BRITISH DEMOCRACY—THE OLDEST IN THE WORLD—WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL SECTIONS."

He welcomed the suggestion that an All-Party Parliamentary delegation should be present in India during the election. "The very presence of such a delegation would encourage the democratic forces in India," Mr. Joshi added.

As to the possibility of securing free and democratic elections, Joshi said, "the British Government has not yet fully appreciated the strength of public opinion in India calling for the abrogation of irksome and unnecessary ordinances still in operation."

"They affect the freedom of the press, assembly and speech. There is no valid reason for their continuation now that war is over."

"Another point is that there are still thousands of political prisoners who are held in gaol detained without trial and some sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

After an all-night wait at the station there, the train, all of which had mysteriously disappeared, turned up again, setting off at 10 a.m. and arriving in Canton without further mishap, or re-quarantine, some five hours later.

Washington, Oct. 15. The supreme court adjourned to-day for all Justices to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alice Brandeis, widow of the late Justice Louis Brandeis.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

The Public is reminded that it is an offence under the Summary Offences Ordinance, Ord. No. 40 of 1932, to perform any of the following acts without prior permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

1. Discharge any firework.
2. Play any musical instrument or beat any drum or gong in any public street or road. (This does not apply to music reasonably performed in connection with funerals or marriages).

3. In any public place, to organise, equip or take part in any procession. (This does not apply to funerals or marriage processions).

4. In any public place to post up or exhibit, or cause to be posted up or exhibited, any notice or proclamation in the Chinese language. (This does not apply to Government notices).

For example:—Under Section 18 of the same Ordinance, it is an offence to organize or take part in any public meeting not being a meeting solely for religious worship held without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

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HONG KONG &
SHANGHAI BANK

or

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1ST FLOOR,
PENINSULA HOTEL.

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The Central Executive Branch of Civil Affairs has moved to the 1st Floor of Post Office Building with the following telephone numbers:

Col. T. R. Rowell..... 89545
Lt. Col. H. Owen Hughes..... 89617
General Office..... 89671

Signed T. R. ROWELL
Colonel C.A.
Central Executive Branch

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